**Lesson 3: Personal Relationships**  
  
**Key Words:** Matrix, Matriarchy, Matriculate, Patriarch, Patrimony, Patronage, Patronize, Patronymic, Fraternal, Fraternize, Avuncular, Familial, Uxorious, Bigamy, Monogamy,  
  
**Root Words:** Mater - Matris, Pater - Patris, Frater - Fratris, Acunculus - Avunculi**,** Uxor - Uxoris, Gamos  
  
**Mater, Matris** <L. "mother"  
  
1. **Matrix**  
(Noun) The surrounding within which something begins or develops.  
Researchers use a **matrix** of nutritious gelatin to grow bacteria in laboratories.  
  
2. **Matriarchy**  
(Noun) A society ruled or controlled by women.  
Anthropological research suggests that early society of Crete was a **matriarchy**.  
  
3. **Matriculate**  
\*Verb\* To register as a student at a college or university.  
Oberlin was the first American college to allow both women and men to **matriculate**.  
  
**Pater, Patris** <L. "father"  
  
4. **Patriarch**  
(Noun)  
1. The male head of a family tribe.  
The **patriarch** was honored as the chief historian of the tribe.  
2. An Old Testament ancestor.  
Jacob was the **patriarch** of the twelve tribes of Israel.  
  
5. **Patrimony**  
(Noun) A family inheritance.  
Islamic law allows a women to retain all rights to her **patrimony** when she marries.  
  
6. **Patronage**  
(Noun)  
1. Support; encouragement.  
Political contenders vie for the **patronage** of wealthy citizens.  
2. Business clientele; customers  
Because of its efficiency and courtesy the new bank has attracted the **patronage** of many business people.  
  
7. **Patronize**  
\*Verb\*  
1. To go to regularly.  
We **patronize** the local grocery store.  
2. To treat someone as an inferior.  
"Don't **patronize** me," the patient said when the doctor dismissed her questions.  
  
8. **Patronymic**  
(Noun) Name derived from a paternal ancestor.  
Peterson is the **patronymic** of Peter's son.  
  
**Frater, Fratris** <L. "brother"  
  
9. **Fraternal**  
(Adj) Pertaining to brothers; brotherly.  
Although separated for many years, the brothers still retained a fierce **fraternal** loyalty.  
  
10. **Fraternize**  
\*Verb\*  
1. To be friendly with.  
The new teacher soon **fraternized** easily with colleagues.  
2. To socialize with an enemy population.  
Warning the troops not **fraternize**, the commander declared off limits all taverns and restaurants in the occupied town.  
  
**Avunculus, Avunculi** <L. "uncle"  
  
11. **Avuncular**  
(Adj) Like an uncle.  
We appreciated his **avuncular** gestures like trips to the ball park and treats of ice cream.  
  
**Familia** <L. "family"  
  
12. **Familial**  
(Adj) Having to do with family.   
One branch of anthropology studies **familial** structures in different cultures.  
  
**Uxor, Uxoris** <L. "wife"  
  
13. **Uxorious**  
(Adj) Dominated by one's wife.   
The **uxorious** husband catered to his wife's every whim.   
  
**Gamos** <G. "marriage"   
  
14. **Bigamy**  
(Noun) Marriage to two mates.   
Mr.Rochester would have committed **bigamy** if he had married Jane Eyre while his wife was still alive.   
  
15. **Monogamy**  
(Noun) Marriage to a single mate.   
The Constitution recognized **monogamy** as the only legal form of marriage in the United States.